

will not be getting a raise this year and this is true but it is not because of our action. It is because the Governor vetoed a bill that would give the state employees a raise and it will be interesting to see what happens to the judges raises and I'm sure a lot of you voted the judges a raise and it will be interesting to see what the Governor will do about this. By the way, the judges raise is approximately 27 or 28% over the next three years. And so what I am doing this morning is ask that you vote against the reconsideration motion of Senator Marsh and this would strike my amendment. Let's keep my amendment and advance the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator VonMinden. We have (gavel) order. Proceed, Senator.

SENATOR VONMINDEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I had to pinch myself a while ago to see if I was awake. In my three years down here Senator Newell's main priority was to spend, spend, spend and tax, tax, tax all the people and he has made a complete turnaround. In my three years here I don't think there has been a senator who has tried to bring in more legislation for tax incentives, to bring corporations in here and as he says, put people to work, and now he has turned around and ~~trying~~ to tax the corporations and drive them back out and have more unemployment. I say to you, ladies and gentlemen, it has been said by many people, corporations don't pay taxes. People do and consumers do. If you want to raise it so high to drive them out of the state and then adopt Senator Marsh's amendment, otherwise stay with Senator Hefner's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall the debate cease on the Marsh amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The question is, shall the debate cease. The question before the House is the issue of whether or not the debate shall cease on the Marsh amendment to LB 27. Please record your vote. The Clerk will record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: The debate is closed and Senator Marsh is entitled to close. May you give her attention, please. (Gavel.) Senator Marsh.